

their political subdivisions, domestic or international organizations or associations, or other persons to carry out the Act. Section 301 authorizes the Secretary to transfer biological control technology to States, Federal agencies, or other persons for use in control of plant pests or noxious weeds. Section 301 also authorizes cooperation with States and other persons in the administration of programs for the improvement of plants, plant products, and biological control organisms. Finally, Section 431 authorizes the Secretary to ensure that all phytosanitary import/export issues are addressed based on sound science and consistent with applicable international agreements.

*Sec. 432. Buildings, land, people, claims, and agreements*

Authorizes the Secretary to acquire and maintain real or personal property for special purposes; to enter into contracts, cooperative agreements, memoranda of understanding, and other agreements; to employ any person; or to make grants necessary for carrying out this Act. Section 432 also authorizes the payment of tort claims when the claims arise outside the United States in connection with activities authorized by this Act. Claims must be presented in writing within 2 years after the claim accrues.

*Sec. 433. Reimbursable agreements*

Authorizes the Secretary to enter into reimbursable fee agreements for preclearance at locations outside the United States for plants, plant products, biological control organisms, and articles. Funds collected are credited to accounts established by the Secretary and remain available until expended. Section 433 also authorizes the Secretary to pay employees performing inspection, quarantine, or other services relating to imports and exports for all overtime, night, or holiday work and to require the person for whom the service is performed to reimburse the Secretary for the services.

*Sec. 434. Regulations and orders*

Authorizes the Secretary to issue orders and regulations necessary to carry out this Act.

*Sec. 435. Protection for mail handlers*

This Act shall not apply to any employee of the United States in the performance of the duties of the employee in handling the mail.

*Sec. 436. Preemption*

Provides that no State or political subdivision may take an action to regulate in foreign commerce any article or means of conveyance, plant, biological control organism, plant pest, noxious weed, or plant product in order to control or eradicate a plant pest or noxious weed, or prevent the introduction or dissemination of a biological control organism, plant pest, or noxious weed.

Similarly, no State or political subdivision may take an action to regulate interstate commerce different from Federal regulations in any of the delineated items; control a plant pest or noxious weed; eradicate a plant pest or noxious weed; or prevent the introduction or dissemination of a biological control organism, plant pest, or noxious weed if the Secretary has issued a regulation or order to prevent the dissemination of the biological control organism, plant pest, or noxious weed. However, if State or local officials can demonstrate a special local circumstance, they can petition the Secretary to allow for the imposition of additional prohibitions or restrictions by the State or local government.

*Sec. 437. Severability*

Contains standard severability language.

*Sec. 438. Repeals*

Enumerates the list of laws being repealed and replaced by this Act.

Subtitle D—Authorizations of Appropriations

*Sec. 441. Authorization of appropriations*

Authorizes the appropriation of such amounts necessary to carry out this Act. Unless specifically authorized, no part of appropriated funds shall be used for indemnification purposes.

*Sec. 442. Transfer authority*

Authorizes the Secretary to transfer funds without fiscal year limitation from any agency or corporation of the Department to arrest, control, eradicate, and/or prevent the spread of a plant pest or noxious weed in connection with a threatening agricultural emergency.

Title V—Inspection Animals

*Sec. 501. Inspection animal civil penalties*

Provides for civil penalties of up to \$10,000 for causing harm to or interfering with a Department of Agriculture inspection animal.

*Sec. 502. Inspection animal subpoena authority*

Authorizes the Secretary to require the attendance of witnesses and production of documentary evidence through the use of subpoenas to aid in investigations and proceedings. This provision also authorizes the Secretary to request the Attorney General to take actions to enforce such subpoenas.

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RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington) at 12 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2559, AGRICULTURE RISK PROTECTION ACT OF 1999

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-640) on the resolution (H. Res. 512) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2559) to amend

the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON H.R. 4461, PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4461, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-641) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4461) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

HOUSE PASSED PERMANENT NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS FOR CHINA

(Mr. SESSIONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, today has been a glorious day for the United States House of Representatives. This body, actually yesterday, debated one of the most outstanding trade packages that will take place perhaps in my tenure in the House of Representatives, and I am pleased to report to those listeners that might be hearing us tonight that the House of Representatives earlier today passed what is known as the permanent normal trade relations with China. It was a stunning victory for people who choose to have free and fair trade around this globe.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. STABENOW, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BUYER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. REGULA, for 5 minutes, May 25.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. GANSKE) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)